

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 388**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 980**

**By Representatives McDaniel, Eldridge**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1685

By Senators Ketron, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 8, relative to utility systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-8-115, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 58-8-111, governmental utility systems and nongovernmental utilities that enter into mutual assistance agreements for the purposes of providing aid or assistance to one another are eligible for reimbursement of all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the responding party.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-8-103(a), is amended by adding the language "aid or assistance provided between nongovernmental utilities and governmental entities," after the language "with regard to aid or assistance provided to entities in other states," and before the language "and governmental entities".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 3, 2009**



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2009



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR